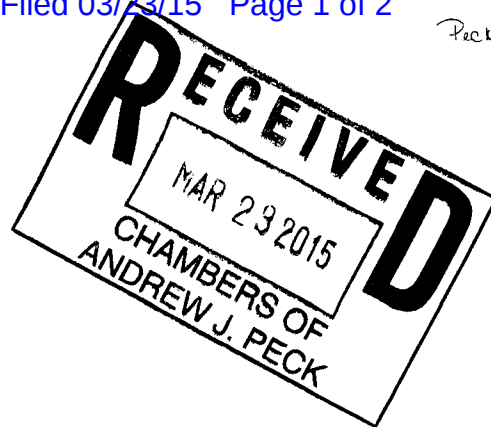


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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK



Rio Tinto plc,

Plaintiff,

-against-

Vale S.A., Benjamin Steinmetz, BSG
Resources Limited, VBG-Vale BSGR Limited
aka BSG Resources (Guinea) Ltd. aka BSG
Resources Guinée Ltd, BSG Resources Guinée
SARL aka BSG Resources (Guinea) SARL aka
VBG-Vale BSGR, Frederic Cilins, Mamadie
Touré, and Mahmoud Thiam,

Defendants.

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**ORDER GRANTING JOINT APPLICATION FOR
ISSUANCE OF INTERNATIONAL LETTER OF REQUEST (LETTER ROGATORY)**

Upon the Application for the Issuance of an International Letter of Request (Letter Rogatory) (the "Application") filed by Plaintiff Rio Tinto plc ("Rio Tinto") and Defendant Vale, S.A. ("Vale," and together with Rio Tinto the "Applicants"), requesting the issuance of an international letter of request (the "Letter of Request") pursuant to the provisions of the Hague Convention of 18 March 1970 on the Taking of Evidence Abroad in Civil or Commercial Matters, 23 U.S.T. 2555, 847 U.N.T.S. 231, 28 U.S.C. § 1781 (the "Hague Evidence Convention"); and upon the record of the above-captioned matter;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

The Application is **GRANTED**.

This Court shall sign the Letter of Request attached to the Application as Exhibit B and affix the seal of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York over said signature.

The Clerk of the District Court is directed to return the original, signed Letter of Request to counsel for Vale so that said Letter of Request may be issued to the Senior Master of the High Court (Queen's Bench Division) acting as the Competent Judicial Authority of the United Kingdom.

Counsel to Vale are directed to transmit the original, signed Letter of Request to the Competent Judicial Authority of the United Kingdom.

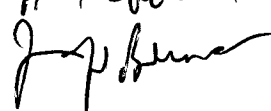
The Court shall retain jurisdiction over any and all issues arising from or related to the implementation and interpretation of this order.

Dated: 3/23/15, 2015
New York, New York



THE HONORABLE ANDREW J. PECK
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

HON. ANDREW J. PECK
United States Magistrate Judge
Southern District of New York

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